

**New**

**Life**













God's goal is to bring us to

MATURITY

= Looking like Jesus

Eph 4:15

“but speaking the truth in love,  
we are to grow up in all aspects  
into Him who is the head, even  
Christ”



The process by which God  
brings His children to maturity  
is called:

“Discipline”

A function of His love (vs. 6)

# Heb 12:6

“For those whom the Lord loves  
He disciplines,  
And he scourges every son He  
receives.”

# “Discipline”

Gr. *paideia*

lit. “the rearing of a child”

- Instruction

- Training

- Correction

•Instruction

Truth/knowledge

The Scriptures

2 Tim 3:16

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”

(you have forgotten...vs 5)

•Training -

The application of knowledge

Testing

Heb 12:11

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness”

(Church wasn't being punished – facing opposition ,vs. 3-4)

Discipline isn't just a beating!

Sometimes it is God educating  
us through a (often painful)  
hands on application of truth

(Job 31)



•Correction -

To steer back on course

Heb 12:10

“...He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share in His holiness”

holiness – separation from sin

“All discipline for the moment  
seems not to be joyful, but  
sorrowful;

God's steering can be painful.

- 1 Cor 11:30

- Acts 5:5

How should we respond to our  
Father's discipline?

3 ways:

#1 - Reject it (vs 5a)

“Do not regard lightly the  
discipline of the Lord”

How should we respond to our  
Father's discipline?

#2 -Become dejected by it (vs 5b)

“...nor faint when you are  
reproved by Him”

Proves you are His child (vs 7-8)

# How should we respond to our Father's discipline?

#3 - Accept it and grow vs 9-11

Know that it yields fruit

- Life - vs 9

- Holiness - vs 10

- Peace and Righteousness - vs 11

# How should we respond to our Father's discipline?

#3 - Accept it and grow vs 9-11

- Receive it as a matter of faith -

- God is always disciplining us.

- "Endure hardship as discipline" vs 7

- Where am I in the process?

Is God trying to equip me with  
truth?

Is He training me - giving me an  
opportunity to apply truth?

Is He correcting me because I'm  
off course?